

MINUTES OF THE BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD

March 26, 2012

PRESENT: Board members: Brian Bost, Jason Dempsey, Jeffrey Ressler, Karen Yeong, Kellie Stellingwerf, Linda Wilson, Megan Kirkpatrick, Michael Kalkofen, Penny Hanson, Stan Tellin.

BSC Program Coordinator: Cynthia Rozanc, Board Liaison: Ian King, City Councilor

ABSENT: Jordan Wittren, Rahmiel Mitchell and Ted Chung.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

MINUTES: minutes of the February meeting were approved with no changes with a unanimous vote after a motion by Linda and a second by Karen.

GUEST FROM THE PUBLIC: Pavel Goberman a Beaverton citizen, came to attend the Sister Cities meeting. He mentioned that he is a candidate for Mayor and would like to support Sister Cities should he be elected.

UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE: Jason presented the document put together by the Task Force which is a draft of a proposal for the Beaverton Arts Foundation. The idea is the BAF broaden its area of interest by changing the name to the Beaverton Arts and Cultural Foundation and expanding its mission to explicitly include cultural activities. International activities would be overseen and funded through a self-sustaining Beaverton Intercultural Coalition governed by the Foundation. The Sister Cities Advisory Board would remain a City entity and would work closely with the Beaverton Intercultural Coalition and the Foundation to coordinate and leverage activities. Stan made a motion that the document be presented to the Beaverton Arts Foundation on April 4th at their monthly meeting. Karen seconded. The vote was unanimous. Jason made a motion and Stan seconded that members of the International Task Force be invited to come to our April 23rd meeting. The vote was unanimous.

GOTEMBA UPDATE: Mike recapped their meeting. Mike mentioned that the idea of a raffle as a fundraiser could present some major hoops to go through. It may not be the best approach. If we are inviting people from the community we may want to ask them to do a short essay explaining why do you want to participate and what do you expect to get out of the trip. Do we need to provide any information about the delegates to Gotemba? Currently it looks like there are about 12 people from the city that may be attending. It was decided that the committee would contact people that have been involved in ISL, other city advisory board members, and anyone that is on the Sister Cities contact list. The goal is to have all delegates determined by May 1st. For now, we will let Gotemba know we are planning for about 16 delegates.

The Board may suggest to the Mayor an appropriate gift to take to Gotemba.

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION UPDATE: Kellie said the meeting was cancelled so there isn't anything to report.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor King presented a map of the Beaverton Central Plant at the Round. There is an open space called Lot 5 which has been discussed as an area for a Sister Cities Garden. Councilor King suggested that the Sister Cities Board take the opportunity to have a dialogue to provide some ideas. Linda Wilson asked if there is a timeframe that we need to get engaged. Councilor King suggested we get involved as soon as possible and reach out to Community Development. Michael, Stan and Linda said they would be interested in attending this meeting to represent Sister Cities.

BUDGET: The budget is in process. There isn't anything specific to report at this time.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

Holly Thompson from the Beaverton Community Vision program would like to come to our April 23rd meeting to give us an update on The Round.

May 8th Council presentation by Sister Cities is planned. Representatives from the Board will be decided at the April meeting.

There is a Sister Cities quilt that has been in the lobby of City Hall for many years. It has to be moved due to the construction. Linda made a motion that we offer to move the quilt to the Resource Center. Mike seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Jason moved that we adjourn, Penny seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Megan Kirkpatrick